

## Icing on the cake



Donna Rempel (front left) and Kathy Allan (front right) make the first cut into the cake at the Special Needs Awards banquet May 15 at Doon campus. Rempel is a health-care aide student who was recognized for her contribution to special needs services and students.  
(Photo by Patti Harding)

## College face-lift continues

# Construction project on track

By Kim Breese

All construction projects currently under way in the main Doon building are either on schedule or ahead of schedule. Work on the new business wing is moving along well and, barring any unexpected major delays, will be completed by the end of August.

That was the assessment during the third week of May by Dave Putt, director of physical resources, who is overseeing the construction.

"This is the busiest summer we've ever had because of the domino effect of this," said Putt. "We've done this much before, but only in one area, and when we had the full 16 weeks to rip it apart and rebuild it."

Putt said the Doon main building projects are all progressing smoothly. "Everything is going pretty well, actually. Doon is probably two or three days ahead of schedule."

Three sets of faculty have already been moved and the two new computer labs and the student lounge are empty and currently being renovated, he said. Two new rooms at the west end of the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) are already completed.

"The only thing we haven't started is the C wing," said Putt, "and we won't start that until July 6 because there are still students in there."

He said plans for that area include gutting and rebuilding the whole centre section of the first floor of the C wing. The 11 small rooms there now will be replaced by eight larger rooms, to accommodate the larger class sizes.

Regarding the business wing, Putt said, "On the new building, we're probably a

little bit behind, but the completion date is still quite feasible."

Problems obtaining structural steel last October resulted in the whole project being delayed by a few weeks. But with the improving weather and concentrated efforts being made by workers, lost time is being made up, said Putt.

"In some areas they may still be a month behind; in some areas they may be only a week or two behind," he said. "So what that means is instead of having six guys in there putting up drywall, they'll need to put in 12, so they'll pick up that time."

### Normal annual repairs will be done later in the year.

Dave Putt

Putt said the trades people are all cooperating and working well with each other. Another reason everything is running smoothly, he said, is because of construction supervisor, Simon Niklaus.

"He's the one that does 99.9 per cent of the 'let's get it done on time' work," said Putt.

The brickwork and installation of windows in the new wing are scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. That still leaves eight weeks to do all the internal work, said Putt. If everything is completed by the end of July, that still leaves a month to get the air systems fully blown out and the classroom furniture in and set up.

"But," said Putt, "if we end up putting the classroom furniture in on the last day of August and the first day of September is the first day of classes — so what? We made it."

It would be a different scenario, he said, if the furniture was not moved in until the last day of September. However, he does not see that happening.

The end of summer will not mean the end of the construction. Putt said the normal annual repairs and maintenance projects will be done later in the year. As well as more roof repairs at Doon, heavy electrical wires are scheduled to be replaced and a new electrical cut-off switch installed near parking lot 6. The Doon fire alarm system will be upgraded to a more modern system and more lighting will be put in at Doon, Guelph and Waterloo campuses.



John Steiman cuts metal tubing in what will be new administration offices in B wing. (Photo by Mark Waddell)

## This week in the news

### Conestoga to ride the wave

Conestoga College will be in good shape over the next five years while the government and the economy take their shots at post-secondary education.

Conestoga president John Tibbits was one of the speakers at a meeting of more than 80 faculty and staff May 10. Discussion centred on the financial and strategic plan for the college in the future.

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### OSAP deadline approaches

The financial aid office is recommending students applying for student loans this fall apply soon.

The office is gearing up for the increase in applications as acceptances for fall are mailed out, and is looking at ways to make the fall rush go smoothly.

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### Nursing grads recognized

About 40 graduate nursing students attended a ceremony on May 12 at Doon campus, at which they received Conestoga nursing pins. Special achievement awards were also handed out.

Students said the nursing program was a demanding course, but well worth it.

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### Message monitors considered

Doon principal Grant McGregor is considering the idea of installing message monitors at strategic locations throughout the campus. The large screens would replace present inefficient ways of getting essential information to students and would save staff time. A creative approach to funding would be needed.

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### Orientation slogan chosen

The Doon Student Association (DSA) chose a new slogan for orientation week at its May 17 executive meeting. The executive also brainstormed ideas for events to take place each day of orientation week. "We're still working on some things," says DSA president Dawn Mittelholtz.

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### Preschool needs volunteers

The Notre Dame Preschool Community Support Program is looking for volunteers, 18 and over, to help with a new program working with children with social, emotional and/or behavioral problems. The program lasts for six to eight months.

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### A star is born

Custodian Tony Olivieri has been working as a member of Conestoga's housekeeping staff for 4 1/2 years. But his true love is music. The budding pop-rock star has already recorded a song on CD.

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### White Zombie walks again

Music critic Don Ross reviews White Zombie's *Astro Creep: 2000*, a thrashy, funky and weird trip into a new '90s sound.

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### At a loss for words

Mark Waddell reviews the movie *Speechless*, starring Michael Keaton and Geena Davis. Aside from a witty comedic performance by Christopher Reeve, Waddell says the movie is a flop and a cheap spin-off of other romantic comedies.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## News Briefs

### DSA EYES NEW MESSAGE SYSTEM

- Grant McGregor, principal of Conestoga's Doon campus, attended the DSA executive meeting May 16 to discuss the concept of a message system for the campus. McGregor said although the system is still just in the idea stage, it would ideally involve monitors to display important messages and information at various campus locations. He approached the DSA to see if the association would be interested in setting up some kind of creative agreement with the college involving the system.

### CANDIDATES MEETING SLATED

- The DSA was recently contacted by the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University to ask for support and involvement in an all-candidates meeting for the upcoming provincial election. The event will take place May 31 at the University of Waterloo.

### OCCSPA HEAD TO VISIT COLLEGE

- Paul Hamilton, president of the Ontario Community Colleges Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA), will be a guest at the DSA executive meeting Tuesday, May 30 to discuss Conestoga's involvement with the student parliamentary organization. There have been concerns expressed recently by members of the DSA about whether the college should remain an OCCSPA member.

### FIBRE-OPTIC CABLE EXPANSION

- During renovations at Doon campus this summer Conestoga will be extending its fibre-optic cable network. The cable, which carries computer, telephone and visual signals, will reach the campus's recreation centre and Detweiler centre. The college hopes to improve communication between administrators as well as facilitate Internet access.

### DSA PONDERS ADVERTISING IN ID

- Although regular advertisements in the publication are not in consideration at the moment, the DSA may be placing blurbs about upcoming events in the back pages of the free weekly *Id Magazine*. The magazine circulates in several cities, including Kitchener-Waterloo, London and Toronto, and has a high percentage of college and university students readers.

### DSA DEVELOPS TEAM SKILLS

- Members of the DSA underwent a two-day team-building and goal-setting workshop on May 30 and 31. Some of the preparation for the event was handled by Jack Fletcher, chair of student services who is the liaison for the DSA and college management. The event was designed to help members learn how to function well as a group, and involved exercises designed to build harmony, as well as a meeting on the Wednesday between DSA members and various college personnel.

### BOOKSTORE EXPANSION STARTS

- The bookstore will be expanded to make way for some more shelves and books for the students of Conestoga College. The construction was to be started May 16 and finish the following day. The store will move its offices to the front and put shelves where the offices were. The construction workers will create some walls and knock some down.

#### CORRECTION

In the May 22 edition of Spoke, Paul McInnis's name was misspelled. Spoke regrets the error.

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## Up in a cloud of smoke



Mark Novak (left) and John G. Moreerce choke back the dust as they cut cement blocks outside Door 3. The blocks are being cut to fit walls in classrooms as part of the renovations that are going to be taking place throughout the summer.

(Photo by Nicole Bardeau)

## Conestoga ready to ride rough financial tide

By Nicole Bardeau

There will be significant financial difficulties for Canadians in the future, said Conestoga president John Tibbits at a meeting of faculty and staff in room 2A56 on May 10. But he said Conestoga will ride the wave successfully.

"There is no point in reinventing the wheel," Tibbits told the more than 80 staff listening to the financial and strategic plans for the college from now until the year 2000. "Technology since the 1970s is far more advanced and cheaper," he said. However, that doesn't mean the college is planning to lay anyone off because of technological change, said Tibbits.

According to Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administrative operations at Conestoga, during the next five years one-third of the staff at Conestoga will be 65 or eligible for the early retirement package. These positions will not be filled with new full-time staff, he said.

As staff retires, said Tibbits, the college is not planning to replace them. The financial future of the college is uncertain, he said. "We aren't going to have people quitting great-paying jobs to come to Conestoga then having us tell them we have to retract them the tenure position that was offered to them."

Tibbits suggested the way the college will handle future staffing will

be according to need. If several people from the same department left at once, then the college might have to make at least one of those positions permanent full-time, he said.

Mullan said the college is in a break-even position for the fourth year in a row. "We have a multi-year record of achievement," he said. "Enrolment is up and productivity is up or at least even."

The proposed 25 per cent federal cut to post-secondary institutions is unrealistic, but it is a situation Conestoga is prepared to deal with, said Mullan. "What we have to do is protect the institution (Conestoga) by building a solid financial base," he said. The board has a policy of not letting reserve funds drop below five per cent of the total funds, said Mullan.

Despite the waste on both the federal and provincial levels, he said, "We are producing graduates who are successful in society."

At the meeting, Mullan presented a financial plan which would attempt to steer Conestoga through the next five years. Aside from restoring the reserves to five per cent, he proposed investing in development of new programming, upgrading existing programming, investing in capital for both instructional and support service areas, allowing longer planning horizons in response to negative external factors and introducing alternate learning technologies.

Tibbits said the plan is designed to deal with the proposed cuts as the government leaves the post-secondary institutions more to their own initiatives.

Larry Rechsteiner, director of college planning and international education, followed Mullan and explained the strategic plan for the college during the rough times predicted by Tibbits.

Rechsteiner said common themes of excellence and quality could be seen throughout the plan. Essentially, the five main areas of the plan are academic excellence, student success, quality services, human resources and fiscal responsibility.

The plan centres around positive change for Conestoga in the form of better development of programs and clearer communication with the community and business world. Copies of the 25-page plan will be available from Rechsteiner, for viewing in the next week.

Tibbits reassured the group that Conestoga would endure the upcoming difficulties because of its focused structure and reputation for planning ahead. "It's not like in the 70s," he said. "When we get a surplus, we don't turn around and hire more staff or buy more expensive equipment."

Tibbits said if the college continues to play it smart and think in terms of the future, Conestoga could "ride the wave without too much fear of drowning."

## Welding student wins Golden Triangle Award

By Paul Campbell

Conestoga College's welding engineering technician program recently announced the winner of the Golden Triangle Chapter Award for the academic year of 1994-95.

Andrew Kuch, of Kitchener, won the \$400 award, based on achievement, while in his first year of Conestoga's welding engineering technician program operating out of the Guelph campus. The award was donated by the Golden Triangle Chapter of the Welding Institute of Canada. The Golden Triangle

Chapter decided to give out the award to encourage those learning to weld.

Chapter chairman Mike Connors presented the award to Kuch. Connors is a welding engineering technician graduate of Conestoga who is employed with the Kitchener branch of Praxair Canada Inc., a distributor of welding supplies.

Kuch was chosen because he was a first-year student and would benefit the most from receiving it by being eligible for it next year too.

Welding engineering technician is a two-year diploma program of

federated at Conestoga's Guelph campus since 1972. Students learn to combine theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the selection and applications of the welding processes, troubleshooting of welding equipment, analysis of metallurgical problems in welding and the use of destructive and non-destructive testing for quality assurance.

Students in the program have been winners of industry awards in the past, receiving awards from the Golden Triangle and Toronto Chapters of the Welding Institute of Canada and other Organizations.

## MPUS NEWS

## Nursing grads get pinned



Graduate nursing students, (from left) Jackie Cole, Val Algra, Jennifer Root, Cathy Lammima, Krista Burnham and Julie Coulbeck received their pins on May 12.

(Photo by Kim Breese)

By Kim Breese

It took four years and a lot of hard work, but on May 12, Rolanda Connors received her Conestoga pin, which signifies her successful completion of the three-year nursing program.

Connors, who took one year off school after the birth of her third child, credits her family and fellow students for helping her successfully complete the course.

"My family was my beacon," said Connors. "They were incredible." However, she also noted that her peers supplied much of the needed support and encouragement during the sometimes rigorous, but rewarding program.

Connors was one of 40 students who attended the nursing awards and pinning ceremony held in Room 2A56. Although 56 students graduated and were eligible to receive pins, some had already left for the summer, said Lois Gaspar, chair of nursing for semesters 4, 5 and 6.

During his opening remarks, Conestoga president John Tibbits explained that the semi-annual ceremony was being held in 2A56 because the Blue Room is currently under construction. Because of the limited space, graduates were un-

able to invite their friends and family.

"That really hurt," said Connors. "My husband was my crutch and he wasn't there." But, she added, "I'm really glad to have made it."

Maggie Doucette, who also received a pin, said, "For three years I've been suffering sleep deprivation and high anxiety, but it was definitely worth it. Now there's a whole new set of anxieties because of a shortage of jobs."

Gaspar said that there are more jobs available to graduates now, than there were at this time last year, but because of the downsizing in hospitals, many of those jobs will be found with public agencies. However, she noted that the graduating students still have to write the Canadian Nurses Associative Testing Service examination and become registered before they are able to work as nurses.

Gaspar said the graduates will receive their actual diplomas during the June convocation. But a number of students received special awards, donated by agencies that support the program, during the pinning ceremony.

Winners include Robin Sutton, who won the General Proficiency in Nursing award; Christine

Paquin, winner of the Proficiency in Bedside Nursing award; Connie Bregant, recipient of a Specialty award donated by the Homewood Health Centre Management Committee Award, Psychiatric Nursing; Rebecca Wills and Mateen Javied, who both received post-graduate awards; Goldie Allen who obtained the Nursing Leadership award; and Laura Spies, who was given an award for professional development demonstrated through participation in Professional Nursing of Student Association activities.

John Gill, who was recognized for the highest academic achievement, said he was surprised when he won the award.

"It's been a really good program," said Gill. "Very challenging and stressful. You lose a lot of sleep." He said he found the program — 60 per cent of which is practical experience — well designed, and the teachers supportive.

Gaspar said the graduating class was the first that really went public with their health fair displays, which they set up at Market Square in Kitchener this year.

"They (the students) did a very good job at Market Square," said Gaspar. "They were very good ambassadors for the college."

## Easy riders



You know it's summer at Conestoga College when the parking lot at Doon campus fills up on the weekend with students of the motorcycle training courses. (Photo by Linda Orsola Nagy)

## Woodworking students honored

By Pete Smith

Conestoga College's three woodworking programs—woodworking technician, woodworking technology and woodworking manufacturing management—presented their awards for excellence for the academic year at the Holiday Inn in Kitchener.

Walt Jinkerson, won three awards — the \$250 Krug Award for Excellence, a Skills Canada gold medal in woodworking and the woodworking Mastercraft Award of Conestoga College.

Jinkerson is a graduate of the two-year technician program and is working for a custom cabinet shop in Kirkland Lake, Ont. He has been invited to compete at the World Skills Olympics in France this October.

Mark Bramer, Conestoga's woodworking program co-ordinator, said of Jinkerson: "He is a very talented, gifted young person who will be very successful in the woodworking industry."

Kevin Mah of Grand Prairie, Alta., was a co-winner of the \$250 Royce Carbide Safety Award and received the first-place honor of \$200 for the Julius Blum Award for Excellence in Woodworking. Carl Smith of Cambridge, Ont., walked away with the \$250 A. Grant Glennie Award and earned the \$500 S.C. Johnson and

Son Award.

"Kevin pays attention to detail and is thorough on his work," said Bramer.

Smith hails from Australia and is in his academic semester with co-op students. "He's a pleasure to have in the classroom and is very talented in the shop," said Bramer.

Other winners at the April 21 presentation: Philip Hodgins of Burlington (\$200 Bob Hoffman Memorial Award); Jeff Lortie of Hamilton (\$150 Tyler Hergott Scholarship); Chris Geren of Oakville (co-winner with Mah of the \$250 Royce Carbide Safety Award); Nathan Veitch of Bracebridge (\$250 John Roffey Memorial Award); Trevor Hibbs of Waterloo (\$200 Hoo-Hoo International Award); Jeff VanSydenborgh of Orangeville (\$250 Architectural Millworkers of Ontario Award); Anthony Costa of Kitchener (second place in the Julius Blum Award for Excellence in Woodworking); Andrew Coholic of Kirkland Lake (\$200 La-Z-Boy Canada Award); Ted Padfield of Barrie (\$100 Woodworking Centre of Ontario Faculty Award).

"We were pleased with the wide range of students who won the awards this year," said Bramer. "It's a great time for fellow students to recognize and congratulate one another at the end of the year."

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By Kim  
Breese

## Special needs students true heroes

Last week, I was invited to attend a reception held to recognize people who had gone out of their way to give a helping hand to students with special needs.

It was a small, but happy affair, with nominees as well as award winners from the student body and faculty being acknowledged and thanked for their contributions.

There was really no reason for me to be there. Another reporter was covering the event for Spoke and I had never done anything to warrant a nomination for any kind of recognition.

But I had met some of the people from the special needs office on previous occasions, and when counsellor Marion Mainland kindly invited me to the function, I accepted.

During the presentations, some of the reasons people gave for nominating certain individuals were read aloud. Many of those comments centred on the support and encouragement students had received from the nominees — people who had given a little of their time and effort to help others.

Many of those recognized were themselves students with special needs who did not think they were doing anything extraordinary by helping their friends.

During the brief ceremony, I found myself dangerously close to tears — of admiration and respect and compassion for a group of people who face greater challenges than most, and not only manage to surmount their individual obstacles, but also find time to assist others along the way.

How insignificant some of our own problems seem in comparison.

As my own September graduation date draws closer, I recently found myself wallowing in insecurity and doubt about what the future holds.

Will I find a job? Is this what I really want to do? Will I manage to pay back my OSAP before retirement? Will it have all been worth it?

I realize these doubts are neither unique nor original. I think part of the problem is that I have been waiting for this milestone for 15 years. (No, it did not take me that long to get through this program — I waited until my children were all in school before I came back full-time myself).

Now that I have finally reached my goal and gained the education I wanted for so many years, I am not really sure what to do next and the future yawns blankly.

But whatever happens, I know for the most part, I will be judged on my ability or lack thereof.

I will not have to worry about transportation or access to job sites or my health or being treated differently because I have a disability.

People with disabilities have no such assurance. But they seem to have an attitude — one of grit and optimism and determination to surmount the barriers that are just a part of everyday life.

To those special needs students who are graduating, and to those continuing their education, I wish you every success.

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## It is never

Whoever said time heals all wounds and whoever said forgive and forget, has obviously never considered otherwise.

Some things are simply unforgivable. Most people would agree that the holocaust, by millions of Jews at the hands of the Nazis during the Second World War, is unforgivable, beyond defence or just retribution.

Therefore, I cannot say that justice has been served in the case of Helmut Oberlander, the Canadian developer accused by the federal government of war crimes. Oberlander claims he served as an interpreter in a unit of the German forces in Poland during the Second World War.

The government is taking a stand that Oberlander's Canadian citizenship was granted in 1954 — that he was granted Canadian citizenship despite his war-time activities.

Now, at 71 years of age, Oberlander is seen as a man to be a model citizen, a successful businessman who has contributed extensively to the community.

Perhaps, in any other country, the reaction would be different. In Canada, in Waterloo, the large majority of people are defending Oberlander, and are willing to forgive and forget his actions 50 years ago.

It sounds to me as though Oberlander's supporters have already prepared their defense.

However, he will have to prove his innocence and disprove these allegations made against him.

Certainly, one has to wonder if the Canadian government 40 years ago was not a bit more lenient. It seems a little suspicious that Oberlander was granted Canadian citizenship in the wake of the end of the Second World War, VE Day.

Nonetheless, if the allegations are true, Oberlander is the least the guilty person to serve justice.



## Future of colleges of applied arts and technology

The colleges of applied arts and technology have played an extremely important role in the economic development of the province of Ontario and Canada over the past quarter of a century. I believe that the colleges will continue to be a key factor in ensuring that Ontario's workforce receives world-class training.

Canada is facing a promising, but difficult, economic future, as the world becomes more competitive. After the Second World War, both Canada and the United States had an advantage compared to most other countries. Much of Europe and Southeast Asia had been devastated by the war. Canada and the U.S. had a strong economic infrastructure in place and were able to sell goods to the rest of the world without much competition. However, many countries have caught up and, in some cases, have become more competitive than Canada.

Canada has begun to realize that, besides our primary resource industries, our best bet to be successful on the economic world stage is to have a highly educated and trained workforce. It is the opinion of most economists that a country's most important economic resource is its people. Canada must continue to invest in training if we wish to have a strong economy. The strength of the economy is vital to ensure that we have good health care and educational systems, as well as the resources to protect our environment. The inter-

connectedness of these systems is extremely important. A strong education system will have an impact on the level of health of the citizens. It has been demonstrated that there is a relationship between the socioeconomic level of an individual and health. Those who are better educated and better off financially tend to be healthier.

I believe that institutions such as Conestoga College are well positioned to play an even more important role in society in the future. Governments realize that they must invest in training. Employers are aware that a trained workforce strengthens their position. The colleges are recognized by both governments and employers as providing the kind of skills that are needed in the modern information age.

I think that the government will place a greater emphasis on vocational training at the post-secondary level. They will want to ensure that we have citizens who have competent numeracy and literacy skills. In addition to specific vocational training, they will want the problem-solving and critical thinking skills that college graduates possess.

The colleges must continue to improve on their educational standards, while focusing on effectiveness and efficiency. Colleges such as Conestoga, that are linked to their communities, will have their future assured and will become more important contributors to society.

# TAKING SIDES

## Should smoking be allowed in the Condor Roost?

**Lighten up on those who light up**

By  
Pete Smith



In the summer of 1994, Conestoga College's Doon Campus received its eagerly anticipated pub, the Condor Roost.

Finally. A watering hole within walking distance of school where students can wind down after a long day or enjoy a beer with lunch. A long-overdue idea considering the bar scene is a staple within the college community.

However, as a smoker I go there much less frequently than I would like to because of Bill 194 which states: "Smoking is prohibited in all areas of a workplace except in designated smoking areas, public areas, areas used for lodging and private dwellings."

Nine out of the 10 people I interviewed for the Campus Comments to the right of this column thought smoking should be permitted within a college bar regardless of Bill 194. What amazed me was seven out of those nine were non-smokers. This indicates to me that most people are pretty accommodating when it comes to smoking in bars. Perhaps Conestoga should recognize this.

Anyone who frequents bars even on an occasional basis knows they are smoky places and most people just accept that as part of the atmosphere. Those who like going to bars but are terrified of second-hand smoke have the choice to go to a bar which has a non-smoking section. They are all over the place.

The Guelph and Waterloo universities both have thriving bars on campus. Do Guelph and Waterloo students simply drink more than Conestoga students? Or could it have something to do with the fact that you can smoke in their bars?

I've talked to many people around campus about this subject and I'm astounded by how many who don't even frequent the Roost are against others smoking there. Why is it that so many people with little or no stake in something can manage to be bothered by it? Before you protest smoking at the Roost, take a second and think to yourself, "Do I go there often enough to even care?" Is it really worth fighting to ban smoking in a place you rarely or never visit?

I have respect for non-smokers. However, I have no respect for non-smokers who have no respect for my right to enjoy a perfectly legal cigarette in a public bar. If you don't want me smoking in your house or car, I'll go outside. If my boss doesn't want me smoking, I'll go outside. If you don't want me smoking in schools, malls, waiting rooms, elevators, restaurants, banks, bus shelters, movie theatres or ball parks, it's no big deal. I'll go outside.

But please leave the bars alone. I enjoy nothing better than relaxing in a pub atmosphere, enjoying a beer and a cigarette and watching a Leafs game on the tube.

If they install a patio this summer, I may hang out at the Roost a little more than I do now.

In the meantime, my friends and I will be at the Edelweiss.

**YES**

## campus comments



**"To try to keep everybody happy, it would be nice to see the patio outside for the smokers. It would mean a 100 per cent boost to our sales."**

**Susan Ludwig  
Roost supervisor**

**"No, I don't think it should be smoking. It's against my culture and belief."**

**Kim Uyoon  
First-year nursing**



**"I don't care. It wouldn't bother me if somebody was smoking in there."**

**Tony Tamblyn  
First-year business**

**"Yes they should. It's only fair for the smokers. Society should tolerate it. It's totally insane to think that everyone's going to stop smoking."**

**Tony Olivier  
Housekeeping staff**

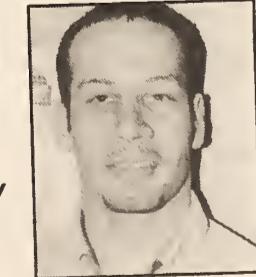


**"It doesn't bother me if it gets people out there."**

**Emma Chester  
First-year nursing**

**"I think it should have a section but just not in the main area."**

**Neil Hudsoy  
Beaver Foods**



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**Enjoy your smoke — but don't share it**

By  
Pat Bow



Smoking is a self-destructive habit. Even most smokers know that now. Study after study has confirmed smoking is a contributing factor to emphysema, lung cancer and heart disease.

But those are your lungs, right? So long as you're not harming anybody else, nobody can tell you to stop inhaling poison.

Just don't do it in the Condor Roost!

A little history is needed here. By unanimous decision of the board of governors, smoking was banned in all college-owned buildings as of June 1, 1988. Later that year, smokers organized rallies at all four campuses to pressure the administration to create smoking areas. Most students voted with their feet. The Dec. 5, 1988 issue of Spoke reported that the Doon event drew only seven supporters out of a student body of 2,800.

The administration's reply was, "We can't afford it." In order to be fair, each campus would have needed its own smoking area, and the cost for all four was estimated at over \$200,000. As president John Tibbits pointed out, that expenditure seemed out of line when the college faced a deficit of \$900,000.

The college's financial situation is no better now than it was seven years ago. Adequately structured and vented smoking areas are out of the question. And anything less is unacceptable.

Why do non-smokers make such a fuss about a little smoke, you ask? Well, some people are allergic to tobacco smoke. Others find it nauseates them and puts them off their food — something to consider, since food is served at the Condor Roost.

Then there's the smell. Any non-smoker knows what it's like to spend an hour at a party with smokers. Clothes and hair stink for hours afterwards.

It gets worse. If the smoke is clinging to our clothes, it's clinging to our lungs, too. And it's filtering into our bloodstream, carrying its freight of glycerol, glycol, aldehydes, ketones, phenols, hydrogen cyanide and nitrogen oxide.

In those conditions, non-smokers might as well give in and light up. They're smoking whether they mean to or not.

I know how it feels to crave that smoke. Years ago, I went through two packs of cigarettes a day. Every spring I washed curtains and watched as the water turned brown. I wiped a yellow film off walls and pictures. I knew the cause, but that knowledge wasn't enough to make me quit.

What it took was my young son's small but persistent cough. I finally connected the two halves of the equation and realized he was a victim of second-hand smoke. After I quit smoking, his cough cleared up — permanently.

So, smokers: if you want to smoke, smoke. You have a perfect right to saturate your bodies with carcinogenic filth.

But do it outdoors. Certainly not in the Condor Roost. Because you have no right to inflict that filth on anybody else.

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# CONESTOGA LIFE

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## Modern messages Doon to communicate via fibre optic monitors

By Patricia Bow

Doon students and staff will soon be viewing electronic message centres, if an idea of Grant McGregor's becomes reality.

McGregor, principal of Doon campus, said he envisions a network of large monitors like those used in airports. If the concept proves viable, monitors would be placed throughout the campus to carry information on class cancellations, room changes, closures of the campus in bad weather and emergency messages for individuals.

While he would not assign a time frame to the project at this stage, he has begun discussing ways and means with the Doon Student Association (DSA) and others who might be involved.

As an example of a personal message, McGregor described a scenario in which a child in the day-care centre becomes ill and his or her parent must be notified. Such messages could be highlighted, perhaps by flashing, to attract attention.

McGregor stressed that the monitors would display only essential information, not advertising or trivia. He said he hopes students would form the habit of checking a monitor for the latest bulletins as soon as they arrive on campus.

Monitors would be located in high-traffic areas and places where students gather, such as the Learning Resource Centre, the cafeteria, the student lounge and the lobby inside one of the central doors, McGregor said. The

nursing and business wings and the electrical skills centre would need monitors as well.

All buildings on campus will eventually be linked through fibre optics, McGregor said, so the information carried by the monitors could be fed into a central source.

McGregor said the idea germinated about a year ago when he and Donna Runions, manager of academic administration, were discussing the problems of getting messages to students and faculty.

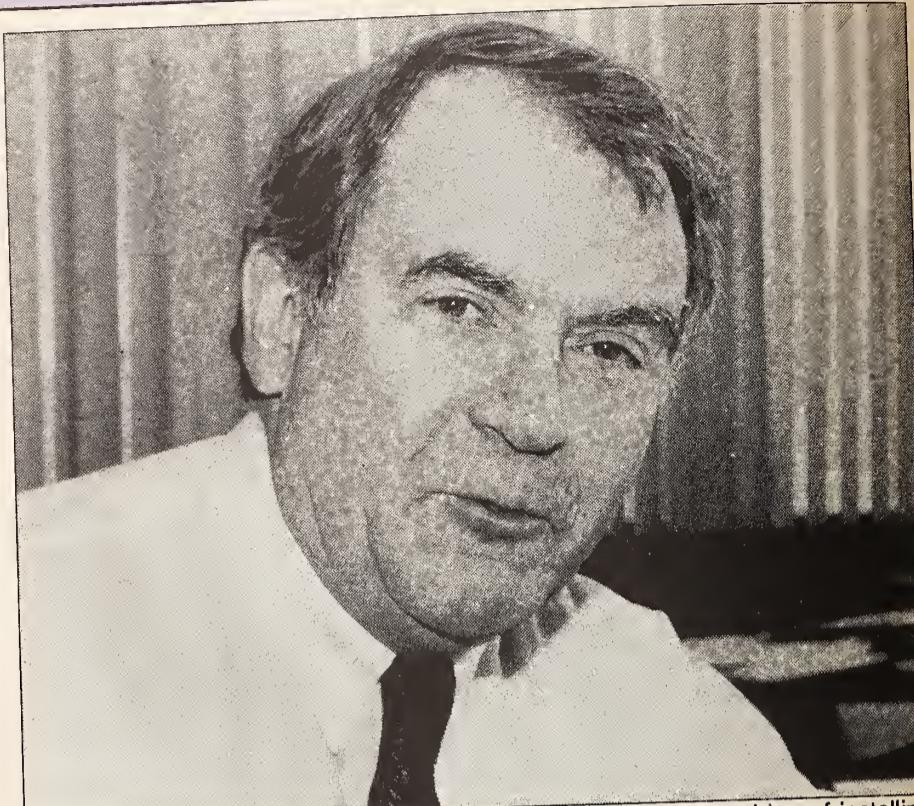
At present, he said, messaging methods are limited and often ineffective. Announcements on the public address system are disruptive and transient, and can't be heard clearly in classrooms. Message boards such as the one outside the offices of the administration are often ignored.

When emergencies arise, McGregor said, support staff are sent "all over the campus" looking for a particular student or faculty member, often without success. He said this is a wasteful way of using the college's limited human resources. "We just don't have the people to spare for running messages."

Funding for the project would have to be approached creatively, he said, because the college has no funds to purchase the monitors. "Conestoga's capital allotment is virtually nil," he said.

While some of the cost of installation could come from the college's operating budget, McGregor said he hopes the DSA will become involved in funding.

DSA input would be appropriate, he said,



Grant McGregor, principal of Doon campus, discussed his new idea of installing message monitors. The new monitors would be connected into a campus-wide fibre optic system.

(Photo by Patricia Bow)

because students would be "the primary focus" of the messaging service.

The actual work of installing the monitors could be done as a project by students in one of the electrical programs. McGregor said he has broached the idea with technical faculty.

To acquire the monitors, he plans to approach a corporate donor. However, it would be "a selling point" with a potential donor to

be able to show other support already in place.

Publicity about the donation would be another selling point, he said.

DSA president Dawn Mittelholz said the student association would probably agree to partly fund the monitor project because it would be worthwhile from the students' point of view.

## Students produce award winning projects

By José Compta

The Association of Systems Management (ASM) Project Achievement Awards were presented at the Micro Computer Software Certificate Program System Project Day held at the Waterloo campus May 18.

This year, winners Doug Albrecht, Gloria Phillips and Shawn Coleman were presented the awards by Gary Smith, a third-year CPA graduate and third-time project award winner.

Barbara Power, Micro Computer Software Certificate program co-ordinator, said the attendance was approximately 300 people, mostly clients, business people, faculty and students involved in the projects.

Norm Jobes, instructor for systems analysis at the college, said the students work first in a case study from a book. They then apply what they learned in the project.

Jobes said students work in teams of three and have to find their own clients, determine the clients' requirements, discuss and verify all the stages in the software development and have weekly meetings with the instructor supervising the project. "It is good to see them applying the theory to reality," he said.

Faculty member, Ed Sharratt, said he is impressed with the results of the students' hard work.

Robert Hart is the president of the group HMZ Computer Services with Shelly Zheng as programmer and Max Maopurgo as technician.

"This is a 10-month program with seven subjects in the first half and eight in the second half. It



Shawn Coleman (left), Doug Albrecht and Gloria Phillips receive the ASM Project Achievement Award from Gary Smith May 18.

(Photo by José Compta)

achieves quite a bit," Hart said.

Suzanne Kavanagh is a teacher of business communications, job search and networking in the program. She said the program, only two years old, is a suitable one and is evolving all the time. It teaches the students flexibility. "These people work very hard, we really put them through the paces, it is a real life simulator," she said.

Richard Sloot, manager of office planning and design services at Centcore Canada Inc. in Mississauga, is getting a new customized software system from the students. He said the system used until now was not open-ended and could not be manipulated. Sloot said he has been in close consultation with the students working on his project, and the new program has been developed to his satisfaction.

"This is a 10-month program with seven subjects in the first half and eight in the second half. It

Jing Zhu is a student of the program and part of the Acme System Solutions team, with students Dennis Grey and Paul Johnston. The group worked on a computerized database project for a Chinese health clinic.

Zhu said the time allowed to complete the project was short, and they had to work to the last minute to get it ready for the day. "We were supposed to have three weeks to complete the project, but we had only two," he said.

Paul Ross, manager at ACLO Compounds Inc. in Cambridge, has been using one of the software programs designed by Conestoga students.

He said the project was created for the quality assurance at ACLO's lab and his company is happy with the project completed last April.

## Local personalities honored Seven enter Hall of Fame

By Paul Campbell

Doon Heritage Crossroads might be just down the road from Conestoga College but it is far back in time.

The local historical site, on Homer Watson Boulevard just below Manitou Drive, is also the location of the Waterloo County Hall of Fame. This year's induction ceremony, held on May 14, added seven new members to the Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame has inducted over 300 members through the years.

"The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize individuals, businesses and groups who have, through their efforts, brought some recognition to the Region of Waterloo," said Tom Weitz, manager of Doon Heritage Crossroads.

The Hall of Fame includes members from government, business, sports, education, the arts, medicine and any others who were born or lived in the region during the time of their contribution.

Rod Seiling, a native of Elmira, was present at the induction ceremony. Seiling played a total of 979 games in the National Hockey League for New York, Toronto, Washington and Atlanta during a 17-year period.

Born in Elmira in 1944, Seiling was an all-star defenceman with a point total of 62 goals and 269 assists.

Seiling was the key player in the five-for-two trade from the Toronto Maple Leafs to the New York Rangers.

Charles Miller Fisher was born in Waterloo in 1913 and attended K-W Collegiate. After receiving a medical degree from the University

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of Toronto in 1938, he became a surgeon lieutenant commander in the Royal Canadian Navy. His experience as a prisoner-of-war, in the Second World War, stimulated his interest in the nervous system and led to pioneer research in strokes of all types.

Beatrice Snyder, born in Wilmot Township in 1908, served on more than eight boards and committees in Waterloo Region.

Snyder has published a booklet of recipes and guidelines for the preparation of large-scale meals and a book entitled, Pennsylvania German Customs and Cookery.

Don McCrae of Guelph became known as Mr. K-W Basketball. McCrae played on Canada's national team in the 1960 Olympics in Rome and the 1959 Pan Am Games in Chicago.

McCrae coached for both Forest Heights Collegiate and the University of Waterloo. He also coached Canada's national women's team which earned 11 medals in 18 international competitions.

Winner of a gold medal in the 1985 World Cup of target shooting, Alf Mayer, an outstanding member of Canada's Rifle Team, was also included in the induction ceremony.

Herbert Denis-Nathan was born in King Williams' Town, South Africa and came to Canada in 1930. He taught at Galt collegiate and vocational school where he became vice-principal and retired in 1970.

Harvey John Gruber was born in Kitchener (Berlin) in 1888. He was elected a commissioner of the public utilities commission in 1936 and served for 18 years.

# CONESTOGA LIFE



The DSA executive, Gavin FitzPatrick (l), Dawn Mittelholz (c), and Becky Boertien (r), conducting a meeting near Conestoga pond May 17. The meeting was to discuss new slogan ideas for orientation week beginning September 5.

(Photo by Nancy Usjak)

## ion slogan

will be called An Afternoon at the Improv — a stand-up comedy event.

Friday afternoon will bring the then host a laughfest Friday night. Shinerama will wrap up Orientation Week on Saturday..

The DSA executive also discussed launching a raft in Conestoga Pond from which Conestoga's student radio station CKRZ will broadcast.

Cliff Condor, Conestoga's mascot, will be present at all events.

Mittelholz said another possible idea is to create a booklet or brochure for students new to the area, outlining the top 10 night spots in Kitchener-Waterloo.

A Blue Jays bus trip is also planned for Sept. 29.

*By Leanne Moses*

And behind door number five it's....

New vending machines!

When the Doon campus vending machines move to door five during the last week of May, new machines for bottled water, coffee, canned pop and canned juice will be installed, said Dave Schnarr, vending route sales representative for Red Carpet Food Services.

Drinking bottled water is a general trend in the marketplace which started in Europe, said Rick Brine, district manager of Red Carpet. "It is a matter of taste rather than anything to do with water quality — people enjoy cold spring water."

Although there are Canadian bottled waters, Conestoga's machine will carry Perrier because it's the best-selling bottled water worldwide according to the Neilson listings based on consumer request. "I have to put in what the consumer wants," Brine said.



Construction has turned Conestoga College into a building site this summer. John Moreera mixes cement for interior block walls.

(Photo by Don Ross)

## Core Literacy seeks help from Conestoga

*By Don Ross*

Kitchener-Waterloo's Core Literacy, a community-based program that helps people develop literacy skills, is asking Conestoga College for volunteer tutors.

The one-to-one tutorial program is having trouble matching all of their learners with volunteers, said Erika Mann, program co-ordinator.

"This is a program that relies on volunteers to operate," Mann said. "Except for five people, all of our staff our volunteers. We get some funding from the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board, but we are dependant on local fundraising to keep up."

Mann said tutors do not have to have a high academic standing but possess enough empathy, patience and capability to assist the learner in the area in which he requires help.

What is important is that if a tutor does not know the answer, he has the resources to find it, she said.

Tutors are assigned one learner with whom they work for one two-hour session a week.

"A lot of our tutors are from university. These are people that ... Core Literacy for teaching ex... Volunteer tutors are required to attend five instructional seminars, totalling 14 hours, that will instruct them on tutorial duties, Mann said.

As well as the standard literacy program, Core Literacy also has, a Labor Adjustment Program which offers teaching to unemployed workers and an Offender Program that provides tutoring to people involved with the Corrections system in Waterloo Region.

Cathy Kergoat, a second-year law and security student at Conestoga College, has been tutoring

an adult offender for eight months as part of her desire to enter the corrections field.

Last summer, Kergoat looked into tutoring someone either on parole or probation because employers want someone who has had experience working with offenders, she said.

"There is a difference in the teaching format with offenders," Kergoat said. "Your teaching style cannot be quite so structured. With the person I am working with, I find that he loses interest quickly unless I can relate what I am teaching to something he likes. He came into Core Literacy to find help in filling out forms and other personal paperwork."

Mann agrees that when teaching adult offenders, standard practices need to be abandoned.

"These learners are looking to enhance specific weak areas, such as organizational thought or comprehension. They don't have a target goal in mind such as a high school diploma," Mann said.

She said they come in knowing what their weaknesses are, which makes them a little easier to work with compared to a child or a mentally handicapped person.

Mann goes to the Cambridge Detention Centre once a week to encourage offenders to keep up with their literacy program when they are released.

"Offenders contact us on their own when they are released or get referred to us from a halfway house or detention centre."

She said they come to the Core Literacy office for an assessment and leave with the option to receive help or not.

"This is a great way to acquire experience in teaching as well as an understanding of the problems some have learning in a social setting," Kergoat said.

## Vending machines shift in new directions

*By Leanne Moses*

The new coffee machine will be spouting more specialty and flavored coffee. Patrons will have a choice of Irish cream, Swiss mocha, cappuccino, espresso, cafe au lait and a flavor of the month, Brine said. "It's supposed to make you think of sipping coffee on the Riviera."

Brine said the machine has all the bells and whistles including the ability to dispense stronger or weaker coffee and varying amounts of cream and sugar according to taste.

Apart from these trends, Schnarr, who fills the machines, said he expects few changes to the fare currently offered in the snack machines.

As far as nutritious food, muffins and doughnuts are available as well as Miss Vicki's all-natural chips made with peanut oil. He also said the donuts sell well. "We don't have diet donuts. You can't get diet donuts."

Schnarr said students buy snacks

out of the machines because they are tired and need a quick fix. The problem, he said, is they get quick energy, but the sugar high drops just as quickly.

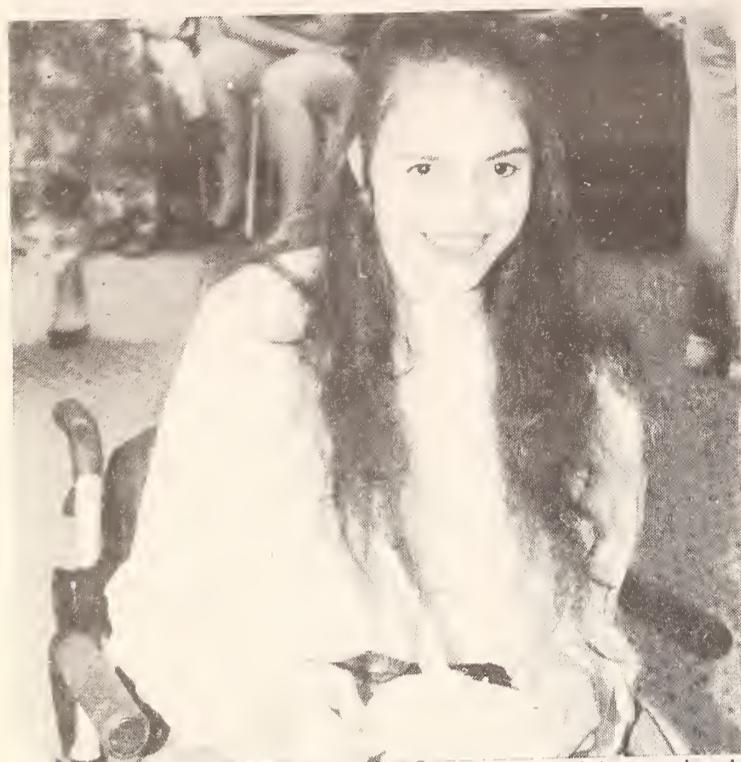
He suggested they would be better off to grab an apple or a banana. Bananas or apples, however, are not available in the snack machines, but only in the food machines in the electrical and woodworking buildings. Food machines also carry subs, burgers, hot dogs, bagels, salads and desserts. In the summer months, they also carry fruit platters.

Schnarr said there was not much sense putting food machines in the door five location because of the proximity to the cafeteria.

Most people use snack machines at night when they have a break, and there is no time to get anything from the cafeteria. "People are rushed to get here from work for night classes; they might not have time for dinner, so they use the machines."

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**Awards handed out at special needs banquet**

Broadcasting student Brandy Duchesne, winner of the province's Glen Crombie award was only one of the people honored at the special needs banquet, May 15.

(Photo by Kim Breese)

By Patti Harding

Conestoga College special needs student Kathy Allen presented Donna Rempel, a health care aide student, with the Special Needs Award in recognition for all the help she has given her, at the Special Needs Awards banquet May 15.

The Special Needs Awards banquet was opened by Grant McGregor, principal of Doon, who represented John Tibbits and John MacKenzie.

During his opening statements he extended a special thanks to all the people who have helped the special needs office and the students who use the special needs services.

After a half-hour jovial and relaxed reception, Jack Fletcher, chair of student services, spoke concerning the origin of the Glenn Crombie Award—an all-provincial award named after the president of Cambrian College—won by special needs student Brandy Duchesne.

Introducing the Glenn Crombie

Award nominees — Brandy Duchesne and Helen Watt — Fletcher handed out certificates of nomination to Duchesne and Watt saying that it was very rare that a student would win right across the province and even more rare that this student would be a special needs student.

**Conestoga has the finest special needs office in the province.**

Helen Watt

He also extended special recognition to the staff of the special needs office and said that of all of the colleges he has been to, Conestoga has the "finest special needs office in the province."

Rex Clark, a business management studies teacher, who was nominated by Sherry Dolson, was the second winner of the Special Needs Awards but was unable to attend the banquet to receive his award.

There were 12 nominees that received a certificate of nomination recognizing their efforts towards the special needs office and the students who use it.

They are:

- Jennifer Harrison, nominated by Micheline Little
- Roger Mainland, nominated by Dan Hicks
- Lizz Jones, nominated by Donald Culp
- Bob Kartchner, nominated by Jim Carr
- Norm Socha, nominated by Donald Culp
- Brenda Silver, nominated by Celina Desando
- George Ritu, nominated by Gene MacGillivray
- Paul Pickett, nominated by Kathy King
- Mitchel Wawzonek, nominated by Frank Cerny
- Barb Smith, nominated by Christine Cumming
- Brandy Duchesne, nominated by Carey Ruby

**June start date for alumni hotline**

By Steve Tuckwood

The alumni hotline will be operational at the beginning of June.

Mary Wright, the director of alumni affairs, said the hotline will use an automated voice system. The system will allow alumni members to be updated on alumni events and other college events they may be interested in.

The system will be capable of updating alumni profile information, like change of address, and marital status. The hotline number will be 748-5220, ext. 8888.

Wright said alumni members will be able to enjoy two popular area theme parks at discount prices this summer.

For the fourth year in a row, alumni are eligible for discounts of \$8-10 off regular priced passports at Paramount Canada's Wonderland. Wright said Aug. 28 has been designated college day at the park, with alumni eligible for half-off regularly priced passports. Wonderland's new attraction is Top

Gun, a roller-coaster ride simulated from the Paramount motion picture of the same name.

Wright said African Lion Safari is a new addition to the discounted attractions offered to Conestoga's alumni. She said a 32 per cent savings can be enjoyed by ordering tickets through the college.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for Wonderland or African Lion Safari, should call Mary at 748-5220, ext. 219.

Tickets can be picked up at the college or sent by courier to the purchaser.

Wright said the alumni association is planning other discounted events for next year.

The ideas include a Niagara region winery tour in the fall, as well as Toronto Raptors tickets for their first season.

The alumni association was involved in Spring Convocation June 23 and 24 at the college's Recreation Centre.

The association distributed information packets to all graduates, as

well as co-ordinating distribution of roses.

The packets included a directory of services offered to alumni members, as well as a copy of the alumni magazine, *Connections*.

The magazine, which has been in publication for seven years, features articles about alumni members and their present interests.

It profiles some of the members, including their employment and family status.

The publication also conducts reader surveys, updates faculty reunions and updates members on changes around the campus.

It also serves as the only medium for allowing alumni to democratically decide on their executive.

Alumni members who are not receiving their copy of *Connections* should contact the hotline when it begins service in June.

The alumni affairs office will be included in the renovations at the college.

The office is being relocated to room 2B04.

**Ontario provincial election****DSA to hold all-candidate forum with area universities**

By Paul Campbell

The new representatives on Conestoga College's Doon Student Association (DSA) have joined student governments from the University of Waterloo (UW) and Wilfrid Laurier University, to hold a forum for provincial election candidates in the three ridings covering Kitchener-Waterloo.

April-Dawn Blackwell, DSA vice-president of student affairs, said the all-candidates forum will be held in UW's languages building, May 31 at 2 p.m.

A spokesperson for the Waterloo

Federation of Students (WFS) said the forum will occupy a 500 seat concert hall. The DSA was approached by Alexander LeRoy, senior officer of academic affairs for the WFS.

He asked the DSA to take part in the forum and to spread the word to students who are interested in the upcoming election, Blackwell said. Candidate Mike Cooper, NDP incumbent for the Kitchener-Wilmot riding, had been approached by faculty from Conestoga College to debate against Liberal candidate Shelly Schluefer at Doon Campus. An or-

ganizer of the Cooper campaign said the appointment was made for the MPP to speak at UW after there was no return call from Conestoga. The UW faculty had wanted to take part in the forum but the WFS decided they wanted it to be a student-run event, said a federation spokesperson.

Those who have confirmed their attendance at the forum: running for the seat of Waterloo North, Bob Byron (Lib.), Sandra Kryn (Family Coalition party), Elizabeth Witmer (PC), Hugh Miller (NDP); for the seat of Kitchener-Wilmot, Ted Kryn (Family Coalit-

tion party) and Mike Cooper (NDP); for the seat of Kitchener, Sandra Ellis (NDP).

Organizers at the Waterloo Federation of Students have planned a format with an introduction and welcome, and time for remarks to be made by attending candidates.

Following remarks from the candidates, audience members will be given time to ask questions.

The candidates will be given one and a half minutes each for closing remarks. The WFS has provided invited candidates with questionnaires to give them a grounding in the issues they could

face when questioned by students, Blackwell said. In the past, the Waterloo Federation of Students has hosted a forum for the federal election and also for the previous mayoral race in Kitchener. Premier Bob Rae has called the Ontario provincial election for June 8.

The issues most pressing for students this election are tuition and the funding of OSAP loans, said the spokesperson for one campaign. Tuition fees for community colleges are set by the province, not by the schools, said Kevin Mullan of financial services.

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## Departing words



Steve Pavicic of Tippet-Richardson moving company pauses while disposing of unwanted blackboards. The writer remains anonymous.  
(Photo by Kim Breece)

## Popping it up for a great cause

By Kelly Spencer

Popcorn which allows you to get back to your heart's content, weighing a tonne, will be a key ingredient in helping the Waterloo Hospital Foundation for renovations.

Waterloo Hospital will be holding its first Popcorn Tuesday June 13. Proceeds will go towards renovations and equipment for the Parent and Children's Unit, in conjunction with the hospital's Centennial Campaign.

Volunteers will be on King Street in Waterloo and at the exits in Conestoga Mall selling pop-

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corn on June 13. Conestoga College faculty and students can also make orders during June through Health and Sciences faculty, Bev Barr.

Throughout June, popcorn will be available at all local bank branches of Toronto-Dominion, Royal Bank, Canada Trust, CIBC, Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal.

Last year, the hospital raised over \$10,000 for equipment during the Popcorn Tuesday campaign, said Debbie Grant, of the hospital foundation. This year's goal is \$100,000. Fifty cents of each bag selling at \$1, will go directly towards the hospital, she said.

Popcorn Tuesday and the Hospital Run in October are the hospital's two major fundraisers for the year, said Grant. Remaining donation funds are usually acquired through direct appeals to the community, she said.

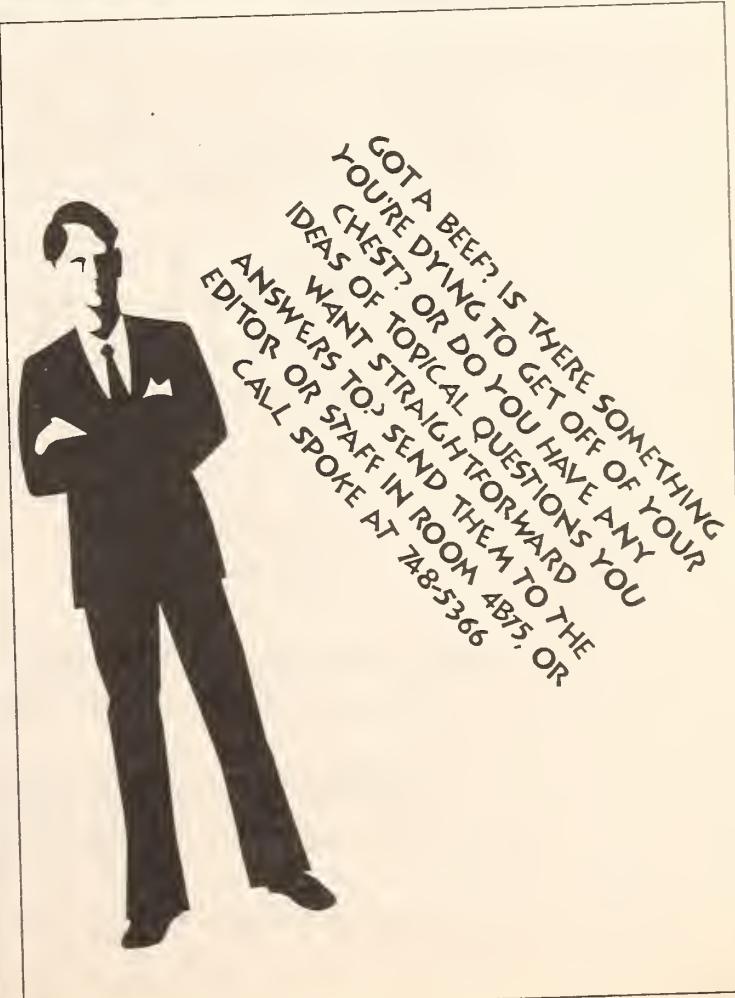
Simcoe County Trading Company Inc., makers of the fundraising product, have been with Popcorn Tuesday "since day one," said representative Glenn Crichton. "In the beginning, this was a fairly small event," said Crichton. "But we're very happy to see it has grown into such a great fundraising program."

"It's a great opportunity to get involved in a community-based event. It's a program where everyone can get involved," he said.

## Serious about their work



Mahesh Nanda, civil technology teacher (left) and graduate Tom Katerberg continue to use the Learning Resource Centre as a work and study area while shelves are emptied and chairs are stacked around them.  
(Photo by Kim Breece)



# Entertainment

## Cleaning up Custodian cracks music

By Nancy Usjak

Mild-mannered Tony Olivieri is a custodian at Conestoga's Doon campus by day, but by night, he turns into pop-rock star Tony O.

"I saw an ad on a pole saying, 'How would you like to record a song on a CD?'" said Olivieri as he sat at the lonely, battered piano on the fourth floor, running his fingers over the chipped keys.

Olivieri of Kitchener, who has worked on Conestoga's housekeeping staff for four and a half years, has been playing the electric and acoustic guitar for 10 years.

"In those 10 years, I've been playing at house parties, pig roasts at farms — nothing professional," he said. "I've just been having fun."

He wrote a pop-rock song in about half an hour called Renewed which he said appeals to people 25 and over.

Olivieri responded to the ad and took the song to Gangstro Records.

"I was shooting at the moon," he said. "They took a liking to it."

He then recorded the song at Pine Lake Studios in Kitchener on a CD called *Garage Sale Junkies '95* — a compilation of songs by area artists.

He said it cost him \$500 to record one song. However, he received free copies of the CD.

"The CD is on sale at some record shops throughout Canada," he said. "I was informed Encore Music in downtown Kitchener is selling the CDs."

Olivieri said the CD is also being played on area radio stations. "CKWR community radio is playing the CD," he said.

Not only has Olivieri recorded his first song, but the aspiring music star also played the Volcano, a popular nightclub in downtown Kitchener, on May 4. A band composed of his brother, David, on bass, and some friends, backed him up.

## III Communication

### Beastie Boys: For full effect, slam

By Kelly Spencer

Criticizing the Beastie Boys is like pulling teeth. After all, who could condemn an '80s trio that has maintained their essence of "cool" with the same post-goofiness genius for over a decade?

Somewhere between punk and rap, stand these brazen virtuosos who — quite deservedly — are worshipped worldwide as mastermind funkheads. But the May 16, Toronto date of their *III Communication* Tour, confirmed one of my lingering suspicions about the Beasties: they're a studio band.

Until their recent boot to stardom with *III Communication*, many of us long-time Beasties fans had to defend our unique mentors. Friends with less refined tastes in music have always jabbed at my adoration for three scrawny, goofy white guys with an edge. But the



**III Communication**  
Artist: Beastie Boys

Beastie Boys, for me, have always reflected the spirit of soul attitude. No matter how you conduct yourself in the real world, you can always count on the Beasties to instill that vibe which triggers immediate obnoxiousness. Suddenly, you're tough and giddy — and on top of the world.

A live performance is usually the peak of that mountain of energy. If there is ever one quintessential element of any band, it seems to mount in the studio and explode onstage. But not in this case.

MCA, Mike D and Ad-Rock were certainly little bundles of energy that night at Maple Leaf Gar-

dens in Toronto, like three indiaru wise, the floor cro the barriers and the blue. There's no argu a high-energy show.

But the audience's enthusiasm at a large venue concert is rarely indicative of the actual quality of the show.

The Beasties could have spun off nursery rhymes — backwards, even — and the fans would have screamed for more. This was evident when Ad-Rock cracked a line about the UPS. As he paused afterwards, the crowd roared with applause.

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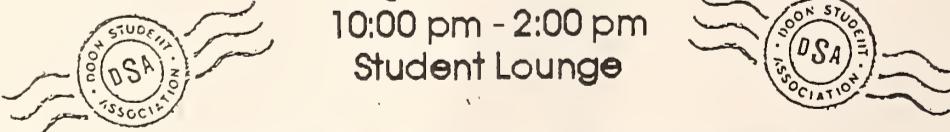
Favorites such as Rhymin' and Stealin', So What'cha Want and the encore closer, Sabotage seemed a little more attuned to the

The cheese routine at a Beastie Boys concert? When it droned on for what seemed like forever, I gave in to that inner voice: for full effect, push play.

## Used Textbook Sale

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# Entertainment

## White Zombie striving for personal identity

*By Don Ross*

You just can't keep a good Zombie down, although if this pathetic effort doesn't keep them in their grave for good, nothing will.

White Zombie first came to my attention with the funky yet thrashy hit Thunder Kiss from the *Sexorcisto - Devil Music Vol. 1* album. The song received plenty of airplay a couple of years ago and sucked me in to buying the album. However, I was disappointed with the rest of the album, an unsuccessful mix of thrash, punk, funk, and what sounded like dialogue clips from old movies or radio broadcasts.

I should have learned my lesson from this, but went ahead and bought the new release *Astro Creep: 2000 songs of love, destruction and other synthetic delusions of the Electric Head*.

It was even worse. The group no longer bears a passing resemblance to Metallica, which was the only attraction in the first place. It is evident they are striving for their

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**Astro Creep: 2000**  
Artist: White Zombie

own identity and this is bad news for White Zombie.

The songs are cluttered as the band gets caught up in gimmicks and sound effects. That wouldn't be so bad if there was at least some continuity to the music, but each song moves in too many different directions at once.

White Zombie can't even start a song and finish it on the same track. Electric Head #1 kicks off side 1 but continues on to Electric Head #2 after they get Creature of the Wheel and Super-charger Heaven off their chest.

Lead singer Rob Zombie sounds like his voice is coming from a transistor radio half of the time. The rest of the time it is buried in the patternless grind from J's (possibly too embarrassed to have his full name

printed on the album) guitar.

Maybe he withheld his name because he wrote the lyrics for this barrel scraper: "Read the motherfucker psychopathic lies yeah, into a psychic-war I tear my soul apart and I eat it some more yeah."

The voice tracks don't match with the music and there doesn't seem to be any attempt at timing.

The same dialogue clips exist throughout *Astro Creep* as on *Devil music*, for comedic value I guess.

There is no Thunder Kiss on *Astro Creep* to at least give you a reason to keep the album hanging around, so if it rises on the charts past 16th, I'll never set foot in a record store again.

The song Grease Paint and Monkey Brains comes the closest to being



(Photo by Don Ross)

listenable, but keep your money for more important things like parking tickets.

After dropping *Astro Creep* into

the nearest dumpster on a dead run, I can safely say the lesson I did not learn from the first album was fully received this time around.

## Good money wasted on comic-romance film *Speechless*

*By Mark Waddell*

Renting *Speechless*, starring Michael Keaton and Geena Davis, is like renting the economy version of *When Harry Met Sally*.

Instead of being speechless, audiences will be complaining about the \$3.44 they wasted renting this movie.

Ron Underwood directs and Davis co-produces this comic-romance that lacks absorbing dialogue, original punchlines, likeable chemistry or passionate romance between Davis and Keaton.

*Speechless* is about two stressed-out speech writers — Davis who

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**Speechless**  
Director: Ron Underwood

plays Julia and Keaton who plays Kevin. They work for opposing senatorial candidates in New Mexico. When they meet, Julia and Kevin don't tell each other their occupations, which reveals a hole in the movie. It is not clear why their occupations are not revealed.

The two soon-to-be star-crossed lovers meet and can't see eye to eye on any topic at first, but the two

inevitably get together. Throw an ex-lover into the mix for a plot twist and the result is a formula movie.

Christopher Reeve plays Julia's ex-flame, reporter Baghdad Bob Freed, who is the lone bright spot in the movie. Freed has been everywhere and he loves to bore people with his experiences.

After considering a marriage proposal from Freed, Julia decides

Kevin is the man of her dreams. However, the movie has a tough time delivering this message because the dialogue, including most of the jokes, is forced.

The creators of this movie may have thought putting two big-name Hollywood actors on the big screen would provide enough excitement to carry the movie.

*Speechless* attempts some classic rip-offs of other movies, including a scene where Davis and Keaton are entangled in a heavy-duty back seat make-out session. In the heat of passion, the parking break is jarred loose, the windshield wipers are activated and the headlights flicker,

reminiscent of '50s movies where cars rock back and forth at Inspiration Point.

Weak dialogue was evident throughout the movie, especially during a scene where Julia and Kevin find out they have been lying to each other about their occupations. They take their frustrations out on each other in front of elementary school children, which fails to deliver on the laugh meter.

Perhaps it's time Hollywood took a break from these predictable comic-romance movies, like *When Harry Met Sally*, *Sleepless In Seattle* and *French Kiss*. Especially movies that fail this miserably.

## Easy as pie



Kitchen staff member Sandra McDougall dishes out dessert at the Doon campus cafeteria.

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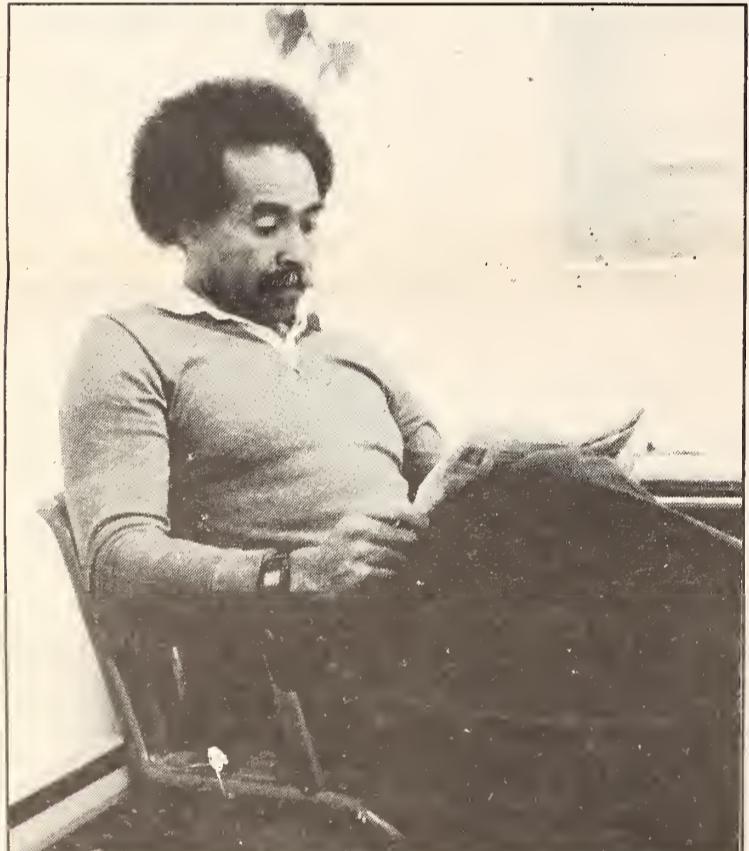
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# Sports

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Gary Etmanski cranks a pitch into centrefield at the recreation league tournament May 13. (Photo By Mark Waddell)



Duane Shadd, Conestoga's supervisor of campus recreation, looks over the Toronto Star article published April 23. (Photo By Mark Waddell)

## In full swing Recreation softball fast-growing sport

By Mark Waddell

The bright sunshine, the smell of hotdogs, the crack of the bat and the cheers and jeers from onlookers suggests recreation league baseball is underway at Conestoga.

Conestoga's 18-team co-ed recreation baseball league, like other recreation leagues at Conestoga, is rapidly growing in popularity, said Doug Perkins from the recreation centre.

While he supervised one of rec-league tournaments at Conestoga on May 13, Perkins talked about the success of the baseball rec-league and other rec-leagues Conestoga offers during the summer.

"Our rec-league is ideal for families to join," he said as he squinted into the blinding sun.

The Conestoga rec-league is held on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, which is convenient for players with families, said Perkins.

"People can go home from work and pick up their kids and have

them out for Friday evening games along with the Sunday afternoon games," he said.

The Conestoga rec-league is not held on long weekends, which is another reason why the rec-league is perfect for families, said Perkins. "Families can get to where they want to go without having to worry about their responsibilities here."

He said the schedule allows people from out of town to join and the rec-league has players from areas such as Walkerton and Hanover.

Perkins said co-ed baseball leagues are one of the most popular, money-making sports in North America.

"You can't get a diamond around here," he said.

For the Conestoga recreation centre, the success of baseball is just one of the rec-league success stories.

Perkins says Conestoga's youth hockey league had about 100 more entries this year compared to last year. Other sports, such as co-ed

volleyball have also taken off, he said, and the recreation staff and players deserve the credit for the success.

"People would not come out here if the program was not good," he said. He credited Barb McCauley and Dan Young, from the recreation centre, for the league's success.

Scott Taylor, who participates in the rec-league every week, said the recreation centre does a good job keeping competitive and fun teams in the league.

Gary Etmanski, another weekly participant in rec-league, says he enjoys the comradery between players who play the game and sit down with each other at lunch for a beer.

Perkins said this is another selling point of rec-league baseball.

"People can come out play and socialize," he said. "You have teams who play just to have fun and you have teams who are more competitive."

## Doon campus recreation supervisor says athletics are gender-friendly

By Mark Waddell

Conestoga has maintained gender equity regarding its athletic teams said Duane Shadd, Conestoga supervisor of campus recreation. He commented about a Toronto Star article about equal rights in university athletics by Trish Crawford that was published April 23.

The article reported the discrepancies between male and female athletes at the University of Toronto.

Topics such as: locker space, locker location, practice facilities and corporate sponsorship deals were the problems U of T student Justine Blainey would like changed.

Blainey, who won a landmark case 10 years ago allowing her to play on male hockey teams, is once again spear-heading an equal rights cause. Blainey said the school should be ashamed of the way it treats its champion female hockey

players.

Shadd said Conestoga is on a level playing field when it comes to equality.

He said Dan Young, Conestoga's athletic director, should be commended for maintaining gender equity throughout the school's sports teams.

"The Conestoga athletic department has done an excellent job," said Shadd regarding the balance of female and male teams.

Conestoga keeps the level playing field for both sexes, he said, by offering men's and women's soccer, women's softball and men's hockey.

Shadd said the amount of money Conestoga gives to a team is based on what the team needs.

"If a hockey team needs to transport 25 hockey players to a game, then we will provide a bus. If a softball team needs to transport 12 players to a game, then providing a bus would be a waste of our

money," he said. He emphasized that such a decision would not be based on the sex of the players but the overall need for the transportation.

Shadd commented about the differences in corporate sponsorship between male and female athletes. He said the decision to give sponsorship money does not come from the athletic committee, but the company that is sponsoring.

According to the article, the entire men's university basketball league receives free shoes from sponsorship by K Swiss. Women were excluded from the deal and those at U of T had to find their own sponsor. "K Swiss will give their money to who they feel will be the most viable."

He said university committees are unsure whether they should allot more money to women's athletics. While men's university sports generate more money, he says, women's sports lack funding.

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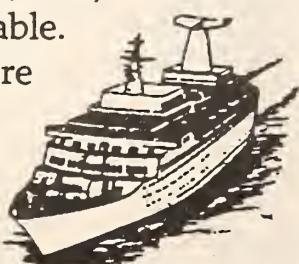
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